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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A separating layer carrier comprising a laminar substrate and a separating layer applied thereon, wherein the carrier comprises a relief structure with raised sections forming substantially complementary channels in a layer of adhesive, through which air trapped during adhesion can escape, characterized in that the relief structure is provided, at least in part, by an imprint of a printing material <u>in a pattern</u> on the substrate and the raised sections of the relief structure comprise the printing material.
- 2. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1, wherein the substrate (10) comprises paper.
- 3. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 2, wherein the substrate comprises coated paper.
- 4. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 2, wherein the substrate comprises paper coated with plastic.
- 5. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises plastic film.
- 6. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 5, wherein the substrate comprises plastic film coated with plastic.
- 7. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein the separating layer is imprinted on the substrate with the relief structure covering the entire surface.

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8. (Previously Presented) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein the relief structure is a regular polygonal structure comprising polygons having between four and eight corners.

- 9. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein the relief structure is an irregular polygonal structure comprising stochastically shaped and distributed corner-joined polygons having between four and seven corners.
- 10. (Original) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein the relief structure comprises sections having a width of from 50  $\mu$ m to 200  $\mu$ m and a height of from 5  $\mu$ m to 40  $\mu$ m.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The separating layer carrier according to claim 8 wherein each polygon covers an area of from 0.5 mm<sup>2</sup> to 3 mm<sup>2</sup>.
- 12. (Original) A self-adhesive material comprising a separating layer carrier according to claim 1.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 8 wherein the relief structure is a rhombuses or regular hexagon.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The separating layer of claim 1 wherein the printing material comprises printing inks modified with silicone.